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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 837
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to recognize Elizabeth Fitzhugh, 2000
Salutatorian of Ripley High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Fitzhugh is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Ripley High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Elizabeth has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students in Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, during her high school career, Elizabeth has been a distinguished Senator on the Student Council for four years, serving as its Parliamentarian in 11th grade; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious senior year, Elizabeth has served with acumen and alacrity as Secretary of the Future Teachers of America; Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook Staff;

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President of the Quill and Scroll and Captain of the volleyball team; she also played the lead role in the senior play and received the DAR Citizenship Award; and

WHEREAS, she is a 4-star member of the Number One Club and a Gold Card holder and she received the prestigious Academic Athlete Award in each of her four years of high school; and

WHEREAS, a young woman of great intellectual aptitude and ambition who possesses extraordinary leadership skills, Elizabeth has been an active member of in the Future Homemakers of America, the Future Teachers of America, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Girls' Choir, the Interact Club, the Newspaper Staff, Quill and Scroll, the Spanish and Science Clubs, and the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, she was selected "Most Dependable" and "Most Likely to Succeed" by her classmates, and she has been inducted into the RHS Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, her honors and awards for academic and athletic excellence are numerous: she was her volleyball team's Most Valuable Player for three years and was named to the All-District Team twice and the All-Tournament Team three times in that sport; she was named to the All-District Team in softball during her junior year; was honored as a Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship Nominee during her senior year; and has been included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for three years; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has displayed her intellectual prowess and inner drive as a valuable member of the Baccalaureate Committee and as a Delegate to the Tennessee Association of Student Councils and its Ambassador and All-Star councils; and

WHEREAS, this lovely young lady has also been crowned "Miss Ripley" and honored as Exchange Club Youth of the Year during her senior year; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has participated in numerous community service and civic activities with the First Baptist Church, the First Methodist Church, the Beta Clubs and the Student Council; she has been actively involved in peer tutoring; and has served as a special Olympics volunteer; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, our most valued colleague Representative Craig Fitzhugh and his lovely wife, Pam, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Elizabeth Fitzhugh, 2000 Ripley High School Salutatorian, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.